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SUBJECT: LABOR MINISTER SCOTTI'S VISIT TO U.S. JULY 10-15

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SUMMARY. LABOR MINISTER VICENZO SCOTTI, WHO IS A
MEMBER OF PRIME MINISTER ANDREOTTI'S INNER CIRCLE, HAS
INFORMED ME THAT HE WILL VISIT WASHINGTON THE WEEK OF
JULY 10-15 TO ATTEND THE OECD CONFERENCE ON INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS. I REGARD HIM AS ONE OF MOST CAPABLE AND
IMPRESSIVE MEMBERS OF THE NEW GENERATION OF ITALIAN
POLITICAL LEADERS. I THEREFORE RECOMMEND STRONGLY THAT,
IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, APPOINTMENTS BE ARRANGED FOR
SCOTTI WITH THE SECRETARY, NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
ADVISER BRZEZINSKI, ASST. SECRETARY VEST, AND CONGRES-
SIONAL LEADERS, AS WELL AS WITH HIS COUNTERPARTS,
SECRETARY OF LABOR RAY MARSHALL AND SECRETARY OF HEW
JOSEPH CALIFANO. IN ADDITION TO LABOR AND SOCIAL
PROBLEMS SCOTTI, AS A CLOSE POLITICAL ASSOCIATE OF PM
ANDREOTTI, WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE VALUABLE INSIGHTS ON
THE CURRENT COMPLEX POLITICAL SITUATION IN ITALY. END SUMMARY.

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1. SCOTTI WILL BE INTERESTED IN FOLLOWING UP ON THE
RECENT DIALOGUE ON UNEMPLOYMENT BETWEEN PRESIDENT CARTER AND
PRIME MINISTER ANDREOTTI WITH SECRETARIES
MARSHALL AND CALIFANO. IN MEETINGS I HAVE HAD WITH
SCOTTI, HE SAID HIS MAIN INTERESTS FOR TALKS WITH
SECRETARY MARSHALL WILL BE: (A) EMPLOYMENT TRENDS AND
SPECIAL UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS, E.G. OF YOUTH AND

UNIVERSITY GRADUATES; (B) WAYS AND MEANS OF EXPANDING JOB CREATION IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS; (C) TRAINING AND RETRAINING PROGRAMS THAT HAVE PROVEN THE MOST SUCCESSFUL; (D) POSSIBLE BILATERAL US- ITALY COOPERATION ON REDUCING UNEMPLOYMENT, E.G. STIMULATING US INVESTMENT IN THE UNDERDEVELOPED MEZZOGIORNO AREA OF ITALY, INCREASED TRADE, IMMIGRATION POLICY WITHIN CONTEXT OF PRESENT US LAW; (E) WAYS OF IMPROVING RELATIONS OF TRADE UNIONS AND EMPLOYER GROUPS; (F) AN EXCHANGE AND EVALUATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE 54TH ILO CONFERENCE.

2. IN MEETINGS WITH SECRETARY CALIFANO, HE WOULD LIKE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE RATIFICATION OF THE US-ITALY SOCIAL SECURITY TREATY, AS WELL AS THE ITALIAN POLITICAL SCENE GENERALLY.

3. FOR THESE MEETINGS CHOTTI WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY GIOVANNI MIGLIUOLO, FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EMIGRATION AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, WHO SPEAKS ENGLISH AND HAS ACCOMPANIED PRIME MINISTER ANDREOTTI ON PAST TRIPS TO THE US. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SCOTTI WILL ALSO BE ACCOMPANIED BY DC DEPUTY CALOGERO PUMILIA, UNDER-SECRETARY OF LABOR. WE WOULD EXPECT THAT PUMILIA MIGHT PARTICIPATE IN SOME OF APPOINTMENTS MADE FOR SCOTTI AT STATE AND NSC ON POLITICAL SITUATION.

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4. I ALSO RECOMMEND THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR HIM TO TALK WITH GEORGE MEANY OR LANE KIRKLAND OF THE AFL-CIO AND WITH MOLISANI OF THE ITALIAN AMERICAN LABOR COUNCIL, IF POSSIBLE, AS WELL AS WITH TOP LEADERS OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON POSSIBILITIES FOR NEW US INVESTMENT IN THE UNDEVELOPED SOUTH OF ITALY.

5. COMMENT. AS I EMPHASIZED IN ROME 10353, SCOTTI IS ONE OF THE MOST PROMISING AND CAPABLE MEMBERS OF THE NEW GENERATION OF DC LEADERS UPON WHICH THE HOPES OF A DC RENEWAL ARE BASED. I BELIEVE WASHINGTON INTERLOCUTORS WILL FIND HIM BRIGHT, WELL-INFORMED AND FULLY DESERVING OF THEIR TIME AND ATTENTION. GARDNER

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